

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

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Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Brazil, Japan, and Russia,
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-384, 731-TA-806-808 (Review).

On August 6, 2004, the Commission unanimously determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

With regard to each of the reviews, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received an adequate joint response with company specific data from six domestic producers, Gallatin Steel Company, International Steel Group, Inc., IPSCO, Inc., Nucor Corporation, Steel Dynamics, Inc., and United States Steel Corporation. It also received separate adequate responses with company specific data from two other domestic producers, Ispat Inland, Inc., and Severstal North America, Inc. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

In the review concerning subject imports from Russia, the Commission received adequate responses from JSC Severstal, Inc., Magnitogorsk Iron and Steel Works, and Novolipetsk Iron and Steel Corp. Because the Commission received adequate responses representing a substantial percentage of the production of subject hot-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products in Russia, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for Russia was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Russia*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Brazil or Japan. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products From Russia*. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).